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FOLLOWING TEL AVIV 6101 SENT ACTION SECSTATE CAIRO SEP 4:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 6101

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SUBJ: ISRAELI ACTIONS IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: STATE 220189

1. DATT AND ARMA MET WITH IDF CHIEF OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS, HIS DEPUTY, AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE AT 2200, SEPT 4, PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO CONVEY POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL AND TO OBTAIN ISRAELI VERSION OF EVENTS. THEIR COMMENTS FOLLOW:

2. ISRAELI NAVY (IN) HAS NOT BEEN ON WEST SIDE OF MEDIAN LINE. IN DEPUTY CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE SAID THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE AND, BASED UPON REPORT RECEIVED AT 2230 DURING MEETING, THERE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ANY FIRING OF ANY TYPE FROM IN BOATS.

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3. THEY SAID THAT THIS IS LATEST OF SEVERAL REPORTS DURING THE DAY, WHICH HAVE BEEN PASS TO US EMBASSY, INDICATING THAT NOTHING IS HAPPENING. ONLY FIRINGS REPORTED IS THE FOUR ROUNDS WHICH WERE REPORTED EARLY IN THE MORNING AS PROBABLE ACCIDENTIAL DISCHARGE BY EGYPTIAN BOAT.

4. AT PRESENT, TWO DABUR PATROL CRAFT ARE ONLY IN VESSELS IN AREA. OTHER IN BOATS ARE AT ANCHORAGE AT AT TUR.

5. THEY REITERATED THAT THEY HAVE HAD NO REPORTS OF ANY FIRING IN THE AREA BY ANYONE OTHER THAN ROUNDS DISCHARGED IN MORNING (SEE ABOVE). IDF PROMISES TO KEEP US INFORMED. TOON UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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